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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Department of Justice,

I am a former customer of Microsoft's I have seen all too well how their software takes the power away from the user and gives it right back to Microsoft. An unfortunate poster-child for this is their new Windows XP operating system, so much that persons that purchase this software must register sensitive information with the evil corporation just to unlock the softwares full functionality.

I implore you to press on and under no uncertain terms make very sure they cannot be allowed to dominate users computer environments. I couldn't install Netscape properly in my version of Windows 98 at first, as windows deemed to not accept it as my primary browser. Worse yet, I could not use the functionality of some Java programs, .asx streaming media, and other important media features without something related to IE (Internet Explorer) or WMP (Win. Media Player) popping up to interrupt my usage of the Netscape browser.

Computer operating systems are meant to serve the user, not work against them. Their new "Anti-Piracy" measures do nothing to stop piracy while turning away control of the users computer to hackers and media companies.

I must emphasize my concern for the electronic media world in general if Microsoft be allowed to continue it's evil ways. They dominate the industry in a way so burdensome that companies are afraid to ship computers without Windows. . .afraid users will balk at the unfamiliar. Competition is necessary and vital. Do all Americans a great service, cage the beast, and reopen the market.

Thank you for your consideration,
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